

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U. S. Application No. 10/609,438

REMARKS

Claims 1-35, 37-51, 53-55 and 57-95 are all the claims pending in the application.
Claims 36, 52, and 56 are canceled. Claims 1-15 are allowed.

Claim Objections

Claim 31 is objected to because it has improper dependency, i.e., being dependent upon itself. Claim 31 is amended herein to change its dependency to claim 30.

The amendment filed July 1, 2003 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 132 because it allegedly introduces new matter into the disclosure.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 16-35, 37-51, 53-55, and 57-95 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner states that the decoder is not described.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and new matter objection, as set forth below.

On October 14, 2004, Applicant's representative conducted an interview with the Examiner regarding the objection and rejection. Applicant's representative stated that the patent (US 6,263,026) upon which the present reissue application is based, contained a detailed description of the encoding aspect of the invention, which included a disclosure of components to extract the encoded data in a feedback loop that compared signals from current and past frames (col. 2, line 52 - col. 3, line 34). Also, the patent disclosed at col. 3, lines 35-38, that the original image is reconstructed at a remote station by performing appropriate inverse scanning of the runlength coded signal in accordance with the multiplexed scanning pattern selection data.

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The amended specification and FIG. 4 describe details of the decoding aspect of the invention, which were inherently included in the application as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the originally filed specification provides sufficient support for FIG. 4 and the claims. Further, the Examiner indicated that he would remove the objection and rejection based on the above-described subject matter, in light of the interview.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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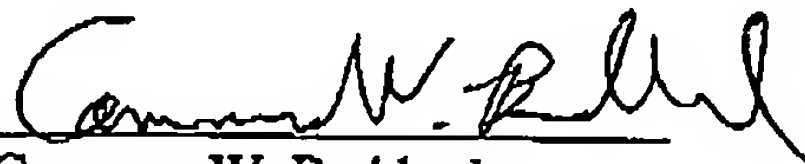
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